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Disabled Resident
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Dear Legislators,

Today I would have liked to provide testimony, but I was informed that virtual services were unavailable. This has created a barrier for myself, and other Minnesotans wanting to have their voice heard on this matter but who are unable to be present in person.

I'm a disabled Minnesotan in my late 30's who is on Medicare, and also currently approved for Medical Assistance under the emergency order. I want to see this bill passed, as the eligibility requirements directly impact disabled residents of this state in a negative & detrimental way.

Being a Medicare recipient, I have hundreds of dollars deducted from my fixed SSDI income every year to pay for subprime medical coverage. The manner in which medical is executed in the State of Minnesota for Medicare participants (particularly for those of us under age 65) is subpar &/or unaffordable.

Minnesota has not assisted with any of my Medicare premium payments over the past 10 years that I've been on Medicare (despite multiple application requests for assistance). Medicare does not cover dental, vision, and leaves a 20% payment obligation on Part A & B services, which was partial cause of the bankruptcy I was forced to previously file to remain in my home (medical debt despite having had Medicare). There are many programs failing the disabled population in this State (housing, food support & home rehab being another).

Reducing unnecessary and unreasonable barriers, such as asset limits, for disenfranchised Minnesotans suffering from poor health, living on fixed incomes, and who are already paying Medicare premiums and receiving limited Medicare coverage (thus reducing costs for the State = federal funds) should clearly be the right thing to do!

Please vote in favor of this bill AND add an addendum to either expedite this bill to coincide with the end of the emergency order. Alternatively, another option could include delaying the enforcement of the emergency order for the thousands of disabled Minnesotans who will be impacted. It is life or death to ensure that this group is not left without critically needed health coverage come May/June of this year. I trust my legislators to find a feasible solution and to see this bill passed expeditiously. Thank you tremendously for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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